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REMARKS

Further to the Amendment filed June 27, 2006, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the consideration given to the above-identified application and for acknowledging that previously withdrawn claims 63, 65, 68, 70, 73, 75, 78, 80, 83, 85, 88 and 90 have been rejoined.

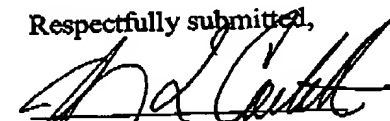
Prior to this Supplemental Amendment, claims 61-96, 101-109 and 131 were pending and claims 1-60, 97-100, 110-130 and 132-139 were canceled. By this Amendment, dependent claims 176-180 are added. Accordingly, claims 61-80, 91-94, 101, 104-107, 131 and 140-180 are pending, of which claims 61, 66, 71, 76, 140-141, 151-154 and 164-165 are independent.

In addition, claims 64, 69, 74 and 79 are slightly amended to correct a minor informality therein.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending double patenting rejection.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

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